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Prior Application:

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a

[ ] Continuation [x] Divisional (parent not abandoned)

application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial

No. 09/332,968, filed June 15, 1999

for [Title]: CIRCUIT BOARD AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

by [Inventors]: Yuji YAGI and Takeo YASUHO

1. [x] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS  
 CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

Basic Fee

\$710.00 (\*355.00)

|                       |    |         |                      |            |
|-----------------------|----|---------|----------------------|------------|
| Total claims          | 11 | -20 = 0 | x \$18.00 (* 9.00) = | -          |
| Independent claims    | 2  | - 3 = 0 | x \$80.00 (*40.00) = | -          |
| Total Filing Fee..... |    |         |                      | = \$710.00 |

3. [x] A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed (Ck#13539).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
 WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
 NO. 16-0331. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE ENCLOSED.

4. [x] Cancel in this application original claims 1-23 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

5. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 --This is a [ ] Continuation [X] Division of application Serial No. 09/332,968 filed June 15, 1999.--

6. [ ] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

7. [x] New [x] Formal [ ] Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s). 1-16.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS  
 AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT

OR CREDIT FEES TO

DEP. ACCT. 16-0331

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8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 10-166648 filed June 15, 1998 and No. 10-355837 filed December 15, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/332,968 on August 9, 1999.
- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 010151, Frame 0318.
10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- [X] c. Address all future communications to
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11. [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
12. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- \*13. [ ] Small entity status was established in the parent application via a verified statement filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

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